

The ENEP Energy Platform

FedEC, the Dutch Federation of Energy consultants, is a trade union of approximately 200 energy consultants in The Netherlands. The union takes care of the collective interests of her members. Additionally FedEC wants to promote effective professional practice and raise the prestige of the profession. www.fedec.nl.

FedEC, has taken the initiative to launch an European Platform for independent energy consultants. Therefore, the ENEP organisation was approached and on the evening of the 9th of October, before the general assembly in Brussel, the ENEP Energy Platform was launched. This initiative was strongly supported by OVED, the Flemish sister organization of FedEC.

Why this initiative? Reasons for an energy platform on EU level

Some Dutch energy consultants and member of FedEC are working in Europe in the field of energy advising. They noticed the wish to harmonize the work and know how.

Important issues and reasons are:

- EU legislation and regulations;
- the possibility to find each other;
- exchange of knowledge and experiences;
- specific country information;
- harmonizing energy audits (formats, technical content, approach of the enterprises);
- information about training and certification of consultants;
- companies are organized on EU level;
- agencies are organized on EU level.

Because Energy consultants can be seen as the lubrication oil between policy makers and industrial companies, added value can be created by an EU platform for energy consultants.

Vision of the EU energy platform

The vision how to fulfil the mission could be:

- joining forces in the EU energy platform for energy consultants;
- exchanging knowledge and experiences;
- to identify and discuss about obstacles and barriers concerning legislation and implementing energy saving measures;
- to be a representative, a point of contact for policy makers and to deliver policy support;
- uniformity in energy consulting (approach and content) for companies with locations spread out over Europe.

Expected results

- market grow for energy consultants;
- higher quality of consulting;
- acceleration in the process of energy saving;

- transparency in the process of energy saving between EU countries.

Action plan for the period 2015 - 2016

1. To establish an EU energy platform within the current ENEP members and setup a living digital platform for a direct exchange of knowledge, experiences etc.
2. To organise an EU energy consultant's conference; addressing the most common points of discussion from the digital platform and resulting in a conclusion report with recommendations.
3. To develop an external strategy concerning external communication to policy makers.
4. To establish a framework for cooperation in EU projects.